

House File 2198 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 539)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the minimum age requirements for employees
2 and substitutes working at a child care center.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES — CHILD CARE
2 PROVIDER MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT. The department of human
3 services shall amend its administrative rules pursuant to
4 chapter 17A to provide that employees and substitutes working
5 at a child care center who are sixteen years of age or older may
6 provide child care to school age children without additional
7 supervision. For the purposes of this section, "child care"
8 and "child care center" mean the same as defined in section
9 237A.1.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill relates to minimum age requirements for employees
14 and substitutes working at a child care center.

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The bill requires the department of human services to amend
16 its administrative rules to provide that persons age 16 or
17 older employed or substituting at a child care center may
18 provide child care to school age children without supervision.
19 "Child care" means the care, supervision, and guidance of a
20 child by a person other than the child's parent, guardian,
21 or custodian for periods of less than 24 hours per day per
22 child on a regular basis, with certain exceptions. "Child care
23 center" means a facility providing child care or preschool
24 services for seven or more children, except when the facility
25 is registered as a child development home.